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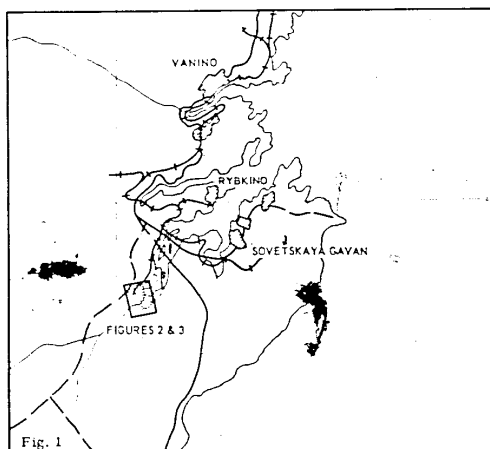
RAIL SPUR NEAR SOVETSKAYA GAVAN, USSR

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A rail spur, appearing on [REDACTED] photography and constructed sometime since [REDACTED] leaves a rail line at the mouth of the Bol'shaya Khadaya River. It has been analyzed because of possible association of rail spurs with guided missile activity. It extends 2.5 nautical miles (nm) up the river to a secured mining operation at 48°57'N/140°11'E, approximately four nm west-southwest of Sovetskaya Gavan (Figure 1). The terminal



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section of this spur is oriented along an azimuth of [REDACTED] from true north. The main line services both the Rybkino area to the north and the Sovetskaya Gavan area to the east, but the spur line traffic appears directed mainly toward Sovetskaya Gavan.

Since an examination of photography covering Sovetskaya Gavan and vicinity reveals no indications of ore processing or associated facilities, the classification of the mine cannot be determined. In addition to the rail-served mining operation the area contains a forced-labor camp, a site of undetermined activity, personnel quarters, and a probable shop facility (see Figures 2 and 3). A power line extends from Sovetskaya Gavan to the area, but no substations can be located.

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The rail-served mining operation contains an open-pit mine on a hillside and a transloading site at the base of the hill. At the time of photography this site contained four gondola cars, [REDACTED] each, and two gondola cars, [REDACTED] each. The entire operation is enclosed by a wire fence with security towers placed at intervals along the fence

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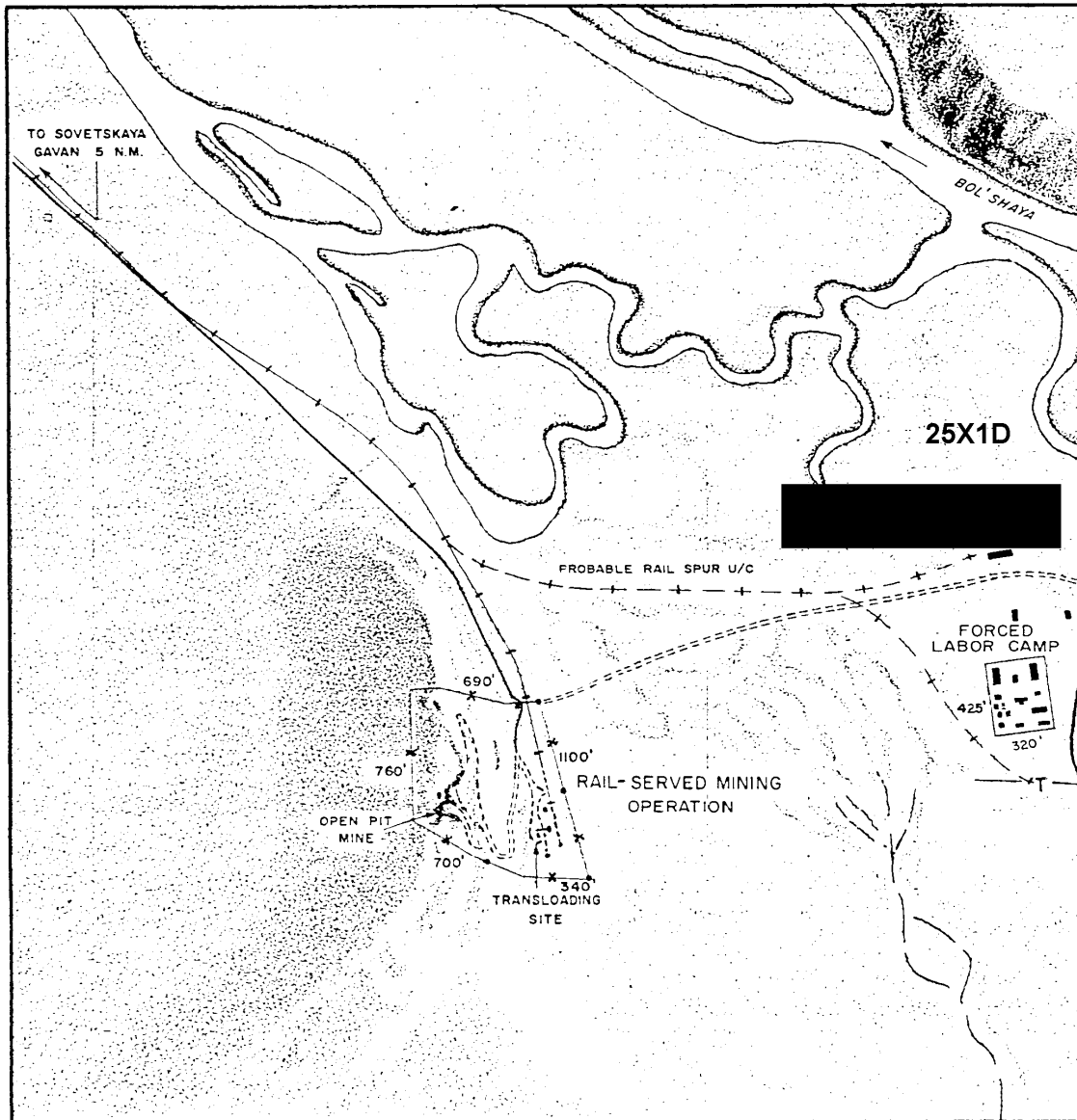
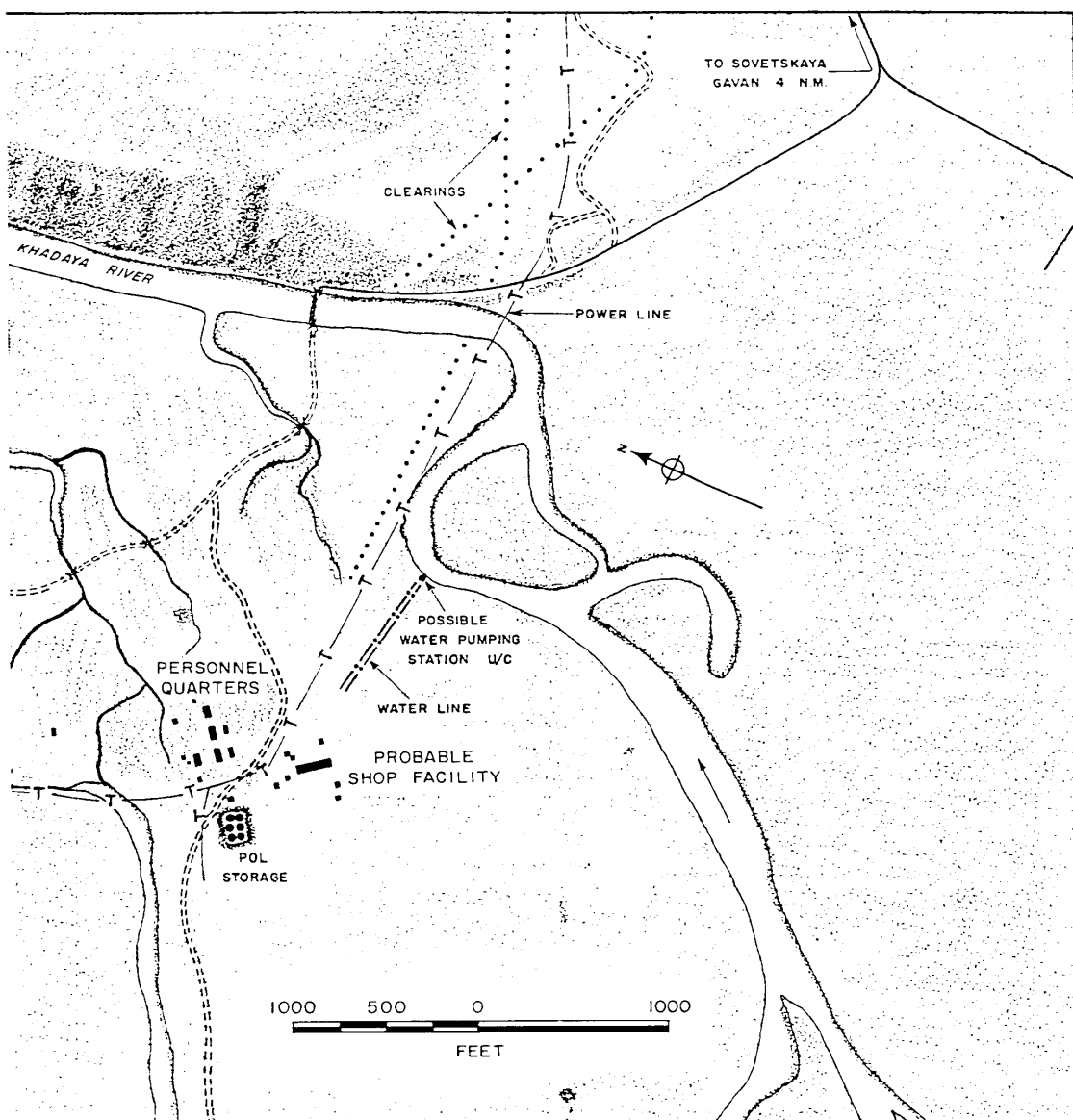


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line. The mining operation is probably worked by forced labor, which could explain the security measures employed.

The forced-labor camp, which is enclosed by a wall measuring 425 by 320 feet, is located south-southeast of the mining operation. The camp contains 12 buildings having a total of approximately 19,500 square feet of floor space, 6 possible trucks [REDACTED] and one possible vehicle [REDACTED]. A single-story, gable-roofed building 70 by 35 feet located outside the camp wall probably provides quarters for guards.

The site of undetermined activity is located 600 feet east of the forced-labor camp. It consists of a single-story, gable-roofed building 115 by 35 feet at the terminus of a probable rail spur under construction. The spur will connect the building with the present spur line at a point approximately 1,140 feet northeast of the mining operation. At a point 760 feet northwest of the building, another probable spur under construction branches off toward a POL storage facility.

Personnel quarters are located approximately 1,300 feet south of the forced-labor camp. They consist of four single-story, gable-roofed buildings, 70 by 35 feet each, which are the living quarters, and three probable bathhouses, 40 by 15 feet each.

The probable shop facility is south of and adjacent to the personnel quarters. It consists of a large single-story, arch-roofed shop-type building 195 by 50 feet, 13 probable trucks [REDACTED] a water tower, and several associated buildings. Approximately 1,000 feet eastward, on the riverbank, a possible water pumping station is under construction, and 500 feet to the west is the POL storage facility containing six tanks, each 35 feet in diameter and approximately 35 feet in height. There appears to be extensive activity in the vicinity of the shop-type building. The probable shop facility is very likely used in support of the mining operation.

Analysis of the suspected area indicates that it is the site of a small mining operation worked by forced labor. There were no indications of guided missile activity at the time of photography.

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